

Prison Rape Elimination Act Training for Agency Trainers

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Training Date:

March 4-5, 2008
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Training Location:

Great Falls Pre-Release Center
1019 15th Street N
Great Falls, Montana

The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 has made it critical for correctional agencies to build capacity to address sexual abuse of offenders. Elimination of such abuse requires a systemic approach that encompasses policy, leadership, operational practices, physical plant issues and investigative protocols. A key element of this systemic approach is training.

The goal of this training is to have competent trainers in every Jail and DOC Division who will educate others about the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), to enhance inmate orientation programs through the inclusion of PREA training materials, and to provide trainers with the necessary resources to train their staff.

Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Demonstrate their ability to utilize the PREA video series and facilitator's guides, to *facilitate discussions dealing with sensitive topics*, such as sexual behavior, sexual violence and, homosexuality;
- ✓ Demonstrate their *understanding of the information* in the videos and facilitator's guides;
- ✓ Demonstrate their *knowledge, skills and abilities to teach* other correctional professionals about PREA;
- ✓ Demonstrate they have the *knowledge, skills and abilities to teach* inmates about PREA;
- ✓ Develop their own *training plan* for how and when the PREA trainings will occur in their program/facility;
- ✓ Assist their facility/program in *up-dating their inmate orientation program* to include information about PREA.

Who should attend: This course is intended for those agency staff that will be responsible for training staff and/or offenders on the Prison Rape Elimination Act, including staff from:

- State Prisons
- Private Prisons
- Regional Prisons
- County Jails
- Community Corrections
- Juvenile Facilities
- Pre-Release Centers
- Treatment Centers
- Any correctional program



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DOC Staff are required to get approval from supervisor(s) and complete a training request form.

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success!**

- Course is **POST** certified.

Cost: FREE!! All course fees and materials are being paid for by the Dept. of Corrections, through the "*Protecting Inmates, Safeguarding Communities*" grant.

IF ADEQUATE NUMBERS ARE NOT REGISTERED THE CLASS WILL BE CANCELLED

The DOC Training Unit makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in training. Persons needing an accommodation must notify the Training Unit no later than 2 weeks before the date of training to allow adequate time to make needed arrangements. To make your request known, you can call 406-846-1320 ext. 2307 or gmason@mt.gov.